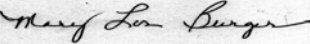
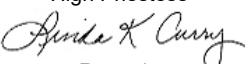





# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
APRIL 2018

Lady Janet Larson - Grand High Priestess  
Motto: Na Wahine Malama (The Women Who Care)

  
High Priestess  
  
Recorder  


## High Priestess

Ladies, thank you for allowing me the privilege of representing you and Sphinx Court this year. It's an honor to be elected as High Priestess, and I appreciate the support and encouragement I have received on my way to this position. Thank you for all the advice, criticism, and direction that you have given me over the years. It's all part



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of the journey to reach this position.

We have a fun year ahead, and you can get all the details at our April Court Meeting on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am looking forward to looking out over the podium and seeing all of you sitting there. Whenever I start to panic at the thought of being behind that podium I remind myself that we are all friends, and that the Ladies of Sphinx Court have always supported me when I needed them. So, I really need you to be at the Court Meeting that night!

The following is a theme I am going to keep repeating this year: Let's get members of the Court coming back to meetings. If you have a friend who hasn't been coming to Court Meetings, call her and encourage her to come to the next meeting. If she cannot come because of no transportation or not driving after dark, please let me know. If you cannot give her a ride, I will try to find a ride for her.

We have many new members who would like to meet the "long-time" members of our Court. And I know those members will enjoy meeting our enthusiastic newer members! And speaking of newer members, if you sponsored a new member recently, be sure to let them know that you will be looking for them at the next Court Meeting to "show them the ropes"!

Lastly, be aware that we are starting a new Permanent Dinner List for the Court dinners. Lady Kathy Kelley will give you all the details. Make sure you contact her to get on the new list!

*Class of 2018-2019*  
*Kris's Hearts of Gold*

Class Motto: "Together, we can make it work!!!"



**Rainbow Smiles and  
Yellow Roses,**

**Lady Mary Lou Burger**

**Home: 602-503-6045  
email: mlburger@cox.net**

# Officers' Offerings

## Princess



Hello Ladies,

I just want to say welcome to the new ladies that joined our wonderful organization in March. Please go and visit all of the units. I'm sure you will find one or more that you will love.

I would like to thank everyone for all of the work, donations, and love to support the Court's Special Project. I had a fantastic year serving as Associate Princess. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year this next year being Princess. If you need anything from me please let me know.

**Owl be seeing you,  
Lady Janet Massey**

**Phone: 480-861-8209, Email: jfmassey52@yahoo.com**

## Associate Princess



Howdy Ladies,

Congratulations to our new High Priestess Lady Mary Lou Burger! I know she will have a great and successful year!

I am excited and honored to be your Associate Princess. I will be working with the Salt Lake City Hospital and San Diego Transportation this year for the Court's Special Project. The hospital and transportation need lots of love clothes, blankets, etc. My main project will be making bar pads for the babies born with club feet. This will be a great project that the whole court can do and it will be fun!

I again want to thank everyone for their help in a successful year as your Membership Chairman. We initiated 15 ladies with 4 petitions signed and ready to go for our next Initiation. Our Ceremonial was wonderful and we had 7 ladies that were initiated. If you need me you can call me or email me.

**Raggedy Ann and Andy Hugs and Cowgirl Angel kisses,  
from your Woman of the West!**

**Lady Debbie Jones**

**Phone: 480-292-1034, Email: djlosna2020@yahoo.com.**

## First Ceremonial Lady



Hello Dear Ladies:

A Chinese saying states, "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." I now find myself at that first single step on the path of enlightenment towards the future. I am optimistic and excited as to what the journey holds, and I know that with your help, it will be a fabulous and successful trip. I appreciate the advice and help I've already received, and I know that I'll need much more. There is also a saying, "The first and last steps are usually the hardest." One hard step has now been taken!

Our High Priestess, Lady Mary Lou, has set her dates for the Membership social events—September 16, 2018, and January 13, 2019. Please forward to me the names of anyone you feel would be interested in our Court and Mission.

Grand Council is on the horizon and I am looking forward to learning about my group and seeing friends I made at last year's session. The location certainly doesn't help with the anticipation, either! Travel safely, Ladies and be sure to pack your grass skirts! Aloha bound are we!

**Lady Marsha Young, First Ceremonial Lady**

**Phone: 623-266-6099, Email: marsha.young@cox.net**

# Officers' Offerings



## Second Ceremonial Lady

Dear Ladies,

I am excited to be your new 2nd CL and mushroom for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to traveling to Hawaii, and our upcoming year.

For the meeting in April, we will be using the standing dinner list from Betsy. In May, we will be starting a new list, so I can have it updated and current. Dinner for April will be sliced roast beef with gravy and mashed potatoes along with green beans. The dessert will be lemon bars. I will send the information on the May meal with the Cactus Chatter update and newsletter at a later date.

Please be sure to send me your reservations or cancellations to my email or you can call or text me. Please be sure to advise me if you wish to continue on the standing list or not.

**Lady Kathy Kelley, Second Ceremonial Lady**  
**Phone: 480-797-9601, Email: kathy.kelley2@cox.net**

## Recorder

### A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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### 2018 DUES ARE \$25.00 AND ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2018

Your self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your dues card is greatly appreciated. Current Dues are due and payable on April 1 of each year. If you haven't paid yours, please forward. The Current Dues for 2018-2019 are \$25 per member.  
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# Unit and Club Happenings

## Sphinx Patrol

Hello Ladies!

I would like to congratulate all the Line Officers and Unit/Club Leaders on your new offices for the year. Sphinx Patrol will have our April meeting and Installation on Monday, April 9th. Dinner will be brought in, so please RSVP to me at 480-510-2896 by 4/8.

Grand Council is just around the corner and I can't wait! The Travel Fund event was a blast! The fundraiser was a success and I would like to thank everyone that attended.

Yours in faith,

**Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain**

## Greeters Unit

We sure ended this year for our own now Jr. PHP Lady Iris with a fabulous Renaissance Fair and Banquet that was put on by the Ceremonial Pageantry Unit. There was much fanfare and hoopla!!!

I hope everyone is now ready for the new year for the Court. We all need to come out to support our own Mary Lou Burger at the Court installation on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Then it will be time for all the Unit Installations! How fun. Please remember the Greeters Installation and OV for the newly installed HP Lady Mary Lou, will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at The Spaghetti Factory on Central by McDowell. Please RSVP to either myself or Kathy Kelley by April 9<sup>th</sup> so we know how many will be attending.

I know we are all looking forward to a new year and all the fun activities. Prayers to those in need or ill. May all their trouble be lifted.

**Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, President**

Clowns like to smile,  
We laugh all the while.  
Balloons are our trick  
And, face painting is slick.  
So give us a call  
And we'll entertain ya'll!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit  
Andria Granado, President @ 480-510-2806  
sphinxcourtclovnunit@gmail.com

## Clowns

Clowns take fun seriously. We take classes on having fun. We get together and help each other make things to have more fun - and we have fun doing that, too. Clowns like for everyone to have fun with us. If you need more fun, aren't having fun or need a pick-me-up, find one of the Clowns - or join us. We can help!

We are starting a new year with a new slate of officers to be installed on Thursday April 12th at El Zaribah Shrine. No-host dinner at 5:30 and meeting at 7:00. Elected officers are: Andria Granado, President; Pam Wade, VP; Marsha Young, Secretary; Donna DiCola, Treasurer. We will have treats after installation. Clown of the Year will be announced at Installation. It is quite an honor to be chosen for this position.

We will be working over the summer on Clown things and will be face painting at the Keeping Teachers Teaching event at Steele Indian School Park.

Congratulations to all the new officers in the Court and all the Units. Oh, the fun we'll have!

**Lady Pam Wade, Vice President**

## Ceremonial Pageantry

Thank you to everyone that came to our Renaissance Fair event at the Shrine on March 19. It was very successful and a lot of fun. Special thanks to Lou Ann Speas for the outfits for our jousting knights. There are videos on the Sphinx Court Facebook page, be sure to check them out.

Our installation of officers and Official Visit for the incoming High Priestess and her core of officers will be on April 17, at the El Zaribah Shrine at 6 pm, with the Red Fez room available for your dinner choice.

**Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President**

## NOTICE \* NOTICE \* NOTICE

To avoid being charged for your Dinner if you are unable to keep your reservation, notify  
**Lady Kathy Kelley, 2nd Ceremonial Lady.**

# Unit and Club Happenings

## Sun Unit

Hello Ladies.

This will be the last article for our Cactus Chatter from the Sun Unit. We had a special meeting on 3/16/18 to vote on whether or not we should disband our Unit. We voted to disband as the Sun Unit membership has dropped dramatically during the past few years. A lot of thought went into this decision and as sad as we all felt about closing it down, we felt that we were doing the right thing for our Ladies and for LOS. Luckily, we the Sun Unit Ladies, have memberships in other Units and Clubs so we all have other places to go to continue in our wonderful LOS mission of WORKING FOR THE CHILDREN and supporting the Shrine Hospitals. Please don't be sad for us. We think we did the right thing and we will continue to do so! Love from all of us!

**Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, President**

## PHP Club

Our April meeting will be on April 18, 2018 at El Zaribah Shrine where we will have Installation of the new officers and welcome our new member Lady Iris Colbert, Jr. PHP into the Club.

**Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President**



**Congratulations  
to the new  
Officers in Sphinx  
Court  
and the Units  
From the PHP Club!**

## CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS

If you are not receiving emails from the Cactus Chatter Updates list, please contact Linda DuBois, PHP and she will add you to the list.

**[linda3492@cox.net](mailto:linda3492@cox.net)  
Lady Linda DuBois, PHP**

## Director Staff

The new LOS year is here and it is time for the unit to install new officers. Director Staff installation will be April 10 at the Shrine in the Fiesta Room, starting with a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 pm. Director Staff invites the Line Officers and any member of LOS to attend their installation.

For our new members that might be a little confused at this time, the Unit installations of officers cannot be held until after the Court Installation, which is April 7. That is why most of the units are changing their meetings to accommodate this rule. Try to attend as many as you can as they are all different and fun.

Director Staff will do a walk on at Grand Council in Honolulu, Hawaii held May 13 through 18. There were not enough dancers going, so they decided to do a walk on this year.

See you at the next Court meeting, April 23.

**Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Chief**

## Director Staff

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## Committee Reports

### Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 02-26-2018	252
Correction	-2
Initiated	7
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	0
Suspended	-7
Membership @ 03-31-2018	<u>250</u>

### Sunshine Report

3/1— Dorothy Mather's Husband George had surgery for cancer in lower left lobe of lung. Also said 18 year old grandson has leukemia.  
3/8—Debbie McKelvey, PHP, pain issues.

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, so she can get the word out to our members.



### SPHINX PATROL

Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00  
Designer T-Shirt Sleeve Pins  
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See any Patrol member

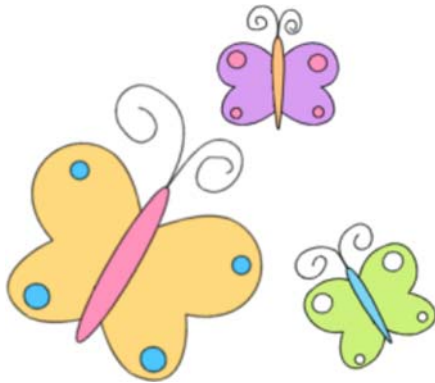


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### El Zaribah Shriners

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Wishing all Sphinx Court

Members a wonderful 2018 and the very best for years to come.



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Contact LADY JANE SHELDON—480-710-5975



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### GREETERS

**Court and Unit Name Tags**  
**Choice of Red or Blue Ink**  
**Magnetic Name Tag - \$12.00**  
**Pin Back Name Tag - \$10.00**  
**Unit Bar - \$6.00**

## Fun Upcoming Happenings



To all you wonderful ladies of Sphinx Court,

Thank you again for all of your support. If you weren't able to get to Renaissance Faire you missed a lot of fun, and I got to be the queen. What a hoot that was. Also, Thank you for ALL of the items you donated to the Goodwill Pickup -My husband thought we were going to have to park in the neighbor's driveways. You really sent a lot of boxes and bags. HP Mary Lou will let you know how much money we made when the check arrives.

I am looking forward to the coming year with HP Mary Lou.

This owl will owly love you,

***Lady Iris Colbert, Jr. PHP***



### 2018—2019 Ways and Means

Lady Maria Parrish and Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, are co-chairing ways and means for the upcoming year so be on the lookout for some fantastic fundraising opportunities! Be at the April 23rd Court Meeting and pick up your copy of the Calendar of Events, so you don't miss a thing this year!

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### Calendar of Events for 2018 UPDATED March 26, 2018

#### APRIL – 2018

- 5 Installation Practice—6:30pm
- 7 Installation**  
**2018-2019 Officers**  
Noon Pictures, 2pm Start
- 9 Sphinx Patrol Installation—7pm
- 10 Director Staff Installation—7pm
- 12 Clown Unit Installation—7pm
- 14 Greeters Installation—11:30am  
Spaghetti Factory on Central
- 17 Pageantry Installation & OV  
6pm—Red Fez Room
- 18 PHP Club Installation—7pm
- 23 Court Meeting**—Dinner ,5:30pm  
Meeting, 7pm

#### MAY – 2018

- 1 Sphinx Patrol—7pm
- 2 Director Staff—7pm
- 10 Clowns—7pm
- 12-19 LOS Grand Council—Hawaii
- 21 Court Meeting**—Dinner,5:30pm  
Meeting, 7pm

#### **HOLD THE DATES!**

**GHP OV—Friday, August 31**  
GHP in town Saturday, September 1